



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon ASLA, Executive Officer

DATE: May 2, 2007

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V(c): Consideration of resolution accepting a grant of Proposition 50 funds from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for the protection and restoration of land and water resources at King Gillette Ranch, unincorporated County of Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution accepting a grant of Proposition 50 funds from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for the protection and restoration of land and water resources at King Gillette Ranch, unincorporated County of Los Angeles.

Background: Soka University has given 90 day notice to the MRCA of its intention to vacate the facilities at King Gillette Ranch on June 29, 2007. Some immediate capital expenditures are necessary to protect the land and water resources on the property. In order to protect the resources while accommodating public access, the MRCA will need to install appropriate signage; repair and install appropriate fencing and gates; repair, coat and restripe roads and parking areas, and install other necessary visitor control devices. MRCA will need to acquire some capital equipment to maintain the resources including a vehicle dedicated to property maintenance.

MRCA staff will develop and implement plans to protect and interpret existing oaks and other significant native plants within the developed landscape. Staff will also develop and implement plans to protect and interpret the existing pond and natural stream as they flow through the landscaped grounds. Additionally, the MRCA will need to retain a professional environmental planner to assess the property's proposed operational plan for consistency with the Coastal Act.

Consideration: The grant from the Conservancy would be in the amount of \$300,000.